Conference on Disarmament

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Appointment of the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament

On 6 July 2015, the Secretary-General of the United Nations appointed Mr. Michael Møller as Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament in accordance with rule 14 of the rules of procedure of the Conference.

The exchange of correspondence as reproduced herein, documents for the official records of the Conference, the process leading to Mr. Møller's appointment.

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1 July 2015

Allow me to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your assumption of the Presidency of the Conference on Disarmament.

On 1 July 2015, I appointed Mr. Michael Møller as Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva. I would like to inform you, in your capacity as President of the Conference on Disarmament, of my intention to appoint Mr. Møller as Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament, who will also act as my personal representative to the Conference. In accordance with rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, I would appreciate it if you could consult the Conference to seek its concurrence with this appointment.

(*Signed*) BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Ambassador Maung Wai
President
Conference on Disarmament
Geneva

2 July 2015

Please find attached a letter dated 1 July 2015 from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. BAN Ki-moon, informing me of his intention to appoint Mr. Michael Møller, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva, as Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament, serving also as his Personal Representative to the Conference.

In accordance with rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the Conference on Disarmament, I seek the concurrence of the members of the Conference on the appointment of Mr. Michael Møller as Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General to the Conference.

In the absence of any objection by midnight 4 July 2015 CET by any member of the Conference, it is my intention to reply to the letter of Secretary-General BAN Ki-Moon informing him that members of the Conference on Disarmament concur with the intended appointment of Mr. Møller.

(Signed) Maung Wai
President
Conference on Disarmament

Member States of the Conference on Disarmament
Geneva
Switzerland

5 July 2015

Please accept my appreciation for the kind letter of 1 July 2015 addressed to me in my capacity as President of the Conference on Disarmament and in which you have asked me to seek concurrence of the Conference on Disarmament with your intention to appoint Mr. Michael Møller, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva, as Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and to act as your Personal Representative.

I have the pleasure to report that I have consulted all the member States of the Conference and have not received any objection to your intention to appoint Mr. Michael Møller as Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and your Personal Representative to the Conference.

(*Signed*) Maung Wai
President of the Conference on Disarmament

H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General
The United Nations
New York

6 July 2015

I would like to thank you for your letter of 5 July 2015 with respect to the appointment of the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament. Following the concurrence of the Conference, I have the pleasure to inform you that I have appointed Mr. Michael Møller, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva, as Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and as my Personal Representative.

Allow me to seize this opportunity to congratulate you on the way you have guided the deliberations in the Conference during your Presidency. While the political differences that have prevented the Conference to begin negotiations on any of its agenda items still persist, I am grateful that you and your predecessors in the 2015 session have managed to have serious and constructive discussions on various issues. If and when the Conference manages to overcome its differences, these and other efforts will undoubtedly contribute to successful negotiations.

(Signed): BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Ambassador Maung Wai
President
Conference on Disarmament
Geneva